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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6043

BILL NUMBER: SB 187

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 28, 2008

BILL AMENDED: Jan 24, 2008

SUBJECT: Fetal Development Curriculum.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Drozda

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires each school corporation to include instruction regarding human fetal development in the school corporation's high school health education curriculum.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* The Department of Education (DOE) in consultation with the State Department of Health would be required to develop human fetal development program educational materials for school corporations. The provision could require the DOE to distribute the education materials. Depending on the medium type of the materials (e.g., literature, video, or books), the DOE may need to reallocate staff time and may require an additional consultant to oversee development of the materials.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. The DOE had one consultant vacancy at a budgeted salary of \$39,000 as of October 2007. The Department reverted \$5.2 M to the state General Fund at the close of FY 2007. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Indiana State Board of Education: The Indiana State Board of Education would be required to adopt rules to implement the provisions of the bill. The Board could adopt rules within the course of a normally scheduled business meeting. Generally, the Board meets for two consecutive days per month.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Each school corporation high school would be required to add human fetal development into their respective health education curriculum. The DOE would provide the instructional materials under the bill. Therefore, any impact to local expenditures should be minimal, given that high schools could incorporate the new components of the curriculum within existing staff and class time.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Education; Indiana State Board of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

Information Sources: State of Budget Agency: *General Fund Reversion Summary FY 2007*.

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